

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

as a better medium than Europeans for effecting a renaissance of art. It was thought that the spirit of Oriental art could be and, at the same time, the European ideal of the observation of nature. Museums and Expositions have been very helpful not only in introducing those ideas, but in revealing the stages of their development. The 1910 Exposition showed the addition of perspective, movement, and chiaroscuro: that of 1902 revolutionized the embroidery industry of Hanoi. There was at the beginning a strong native reaction idealization of the human figure, especially the female form, for Anitaraite art follows the Chinese in being dominated by the sceptic of nature.

The Hanoi Exposition of 1902 was a synthesis of such mutual misunderstandings, of the French jury which selected the pictures for there was not one man who had ever lived in the Far East, **who** might have gauged the horrified reaction of the **Indo-Chinese** to the goodly scattering of nudes. No attempt was made **to** what might interest an Oriental clientele or answer its needs. The Emperor **of** Annam was seen standing fascinated before a **window** of dress shields. When the Annamites voted for their picture they unanimously selected Rousseau's *Le Bosom*.

This bucolic subject was so realistically portrayed that at felt at home. Slavish copying of copies, or photographic were the principal stumbling-blocks to Annamite progress. There **is** no point in having released the Annamite **soul** to masters if it is only to fall into subjection to **Unfortunately** such subservience is only too congenial to the the problem of finding a market,

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